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Commission Awards \$603,220 Grant to City College of San Francisco and San Francisco Unified School District to Improve Teacher Quality

City College of San Francisco will receive a three-year grant of \$603,220 in federal monies that have been earmarked to improve the quality of teaching. Partnering with the San Francisco Unified School District, as well as San Francisco State University and the Mission Science Workshop, the purpose of this project is to recruit and retain more secondary level mathematics and science teachers. The program focuses specifically on development of a pre-service program called "Teach to Advance the Student Achievement in Mathematics and Science (SAMS)" and is designed to encourage students of diverse backgrounds to enter the teaching profession.

SAMS will engage students at City College, teacher candidates at San Francisco State University and San Francisco Unified School District paraprofessionals. The program is expected to directly involve over a thousand students at five different schools.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission has been administering federal funds to improve teacher professional development since 1984. Through the Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Program, of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, the Commission has made awards totaling over \$10 million in grants to K-12 schools and universities statewide this year. The Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the state's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission and its work can be found at its website at www.cpec.ca.gov.

For more information on the grant received by City College of San Francisco, you may contact Co-directors of the project, Kathleen White, City College of San Francisco Child Development and Family Studies, Teacher Prep Center, at 415-239-3890 or Brad Stam, San Francisco Unified School District, at 415-355-7852.